

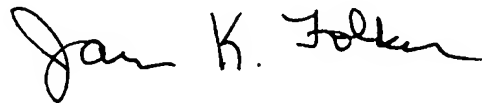
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this restriction requirement because Applicants submit that it does not appear as though a serious burden would exist if both Groups were to be examined together. Initially, only two claims (Claims 36 and 42) are directed to the non-elected group. Moreover, independent Claim 34 is generic to Species 4 (of Group I) and Species 5-7 (of Group 2). Therefore, minimal, if any, additional searching is believed to be required if both groups and all of the claims were examined together. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a search of both Groups 1 and 2 would most likely not pose a serious burden upon the Examiner.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that all of the claims be examined together.

Respectfully Submitted,

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